

**County Council Meeting**  
**October 15, 2013**

**Present:** Jim Seiler, Steve Winsett, Bill Spaetti, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Blake Bunner, Jack Kroeger, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes from the Non-Binding Reviews from September 17<sup>th</sup> were read by Kroeger. Entities included in the non-binding reviews are Harrison Township, Carter Township, Clay Township, Grass Township, Hammond Township, Huff Township, Jackson Township, Luce Township, Ohio Township, South Spencer School Corporation, North Spencer School Corporation, Spencer County Public Library and Lincoln Heritage Public Library. Letters will be sent to each entity regarding the Council's recommendation, and will be available at the next meeting for the Councils review.

Minutes from the Binding Reviews from September 17<sup>th</sup> were read by Kroeger. Departments and budget amounts included in the Binding Reviews are:

County General	\$7,302,000.
Highway	2,401,602.
LR&S	200,000.
Cum Bridge	600,200.
Health Department	250,660.
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Cum Cap Development	265,600.
Plat Book Update	4,550.
Probation User Fees	52,717.
911	310,439.
Local Health Maintenance Grant	33,139.
Pre-trial	61,805.
Cornerstone Perp	5,250.
Law Enforcement Fund	5,000.
Reassessment	129,330.
Solid Waste	643,395.
Carter Fire	203,300.

Minutes from the regular monthly meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> were read and discussed. Attorney Ayer felt that the statement made by Bunner, "if we are all in agreement" needed to be struck and insert we can consider an additional disbursement. Winsett's statement directly below that says, "and we can help them again", strike and we can help them again. In Bunner's motion immediately after disbursing another \$24,000, put a period, and then strike the rest. Kress made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections Ayer stated. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved

**Additional Appropriations**

**County General**

Sheriff/Gas, Oil & Lube \$27,000.

The request was made by Sheriff Lindsey. Jim McDurmon spoke to the Council concerning the additional appropriations. After much discussion Kress made a motion to approve the \$27,000. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion approved. Kress asked that a credit card system be looked into to help make keeping the records easier concerning the gas consumption.

**Cum Cap**

Jail Repairs \$10,000.

Request was made by Sheriff Lindsey. Jim McDurmon spoke to the Council.

Spaetti made the motion to approve the \$10,000. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved.

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**Appropriation Only**

Prosecutor's Special Fee/Office Supply \$797.50

Request was made by Kelly Corne and she spoke to the Council.

Bunner made a motion to approve the \$797.50. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Health**

Supplies/Child Restraint Seats \$2,000.

Request was made by Donna Etienne and she spoke to the Council concerning the request.

Seiler made a motion to approve the \$2,000. Winsett seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Transfers**

**Circuit Court**

Decrease Interpreter \$500.

Increase Office Supplies \$500.

Decrease Printing \$500.

Increase Office Supplies \$500.

Decrease Furniture & Fixtures \$1,000.

Increase Office Supplies \$1,000.

Request was made by Judge Dartt. Judge Dartt was out of town and sent a letter requesting the Council's approval.

Kress made a motion to approve all three transfers as requested for a total of \$2,000. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett and Knepper abstaining.

**Legal Report**

Attorney Ayer explained he had no legal report other than to let the Council know he was working on the letters to be signed by Council President Kroeger for all the non binding entities.

**Kent Groves-Chrisney Fire Department**

Kent Groves, Jimmy Perkins, and Mason Seay all with the Chrisney Fire Department were in attendance.

Groves spoke to the Council and explained that they were asking for an additional \$35,000 from the AK Steel Settlement Fund. Seay explained that they are making payments on a rescue truck that is now two years old. They would like to get this truck payed for because they need to buy a new pump truck to replace the current one which is a 1976 model. Groves explained that they originally thought they would be receiving approximately \$90,000 from the AK Steel Settlement Fund, but they only received \$24,971.

Kroeger suggested they talk to the Grass Township Trustee because there is money in that budget, so discuss that with the Trustee and see if you can come up with a solution. Winsett said after you talk to the Trustee, come back and let us know what you find out.

**Old Business**

Kroeger wanted to thank everyone for the award of Councilman of the Year that he received at the AIC Conference. Kroeger explained that he would not have received the award without the support of all the other Councilmen.

Spaetti said he had contacted Attorney Ayer and ask him to prepare a short resolution in honor of Kroeger's award.

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RESOLUTION 2013- 19

SPENCER COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION COMMENDING COUNCILMAN JACK N. KROEGER  
FOR BEING NAMED THE 2013 OUTSTANDING COUNTY COUNCIL  
MEMBER BY THE ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA COUNTIES

WHEREAS, Council Member Jack N. Kroeger has served as a member of the Spencer County Council for nineteen (19) years and is currently serving as President of the County Council, and

WHEREAS, Council Member Kroeger is a three (3) year member of the Association of Indiana Counties Legislative Committee, and

WHEREAS, Council Member Kroeger was presented by the Association of Indiana Counties, on September 25, 2013, its Outstanding County Council Member Award for his contributions throughout his years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Spencer County Council does hereby commend Council Member Kroeger for his accomplishments and orders this Resolution become a permanent part of the October 15, 2013 minutes of this body.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

SPENCER COUNTY COUNCIL

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Jack N. Kroeger

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Dave Kress

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Blake Burner

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Steve Winsett

Bill Spaetti  
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Matthew S. Knepper  
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ATTEST:

Jane Lynam  
Jane Lynam, Auditor

Jim Seiler  
Jim Seiler

Spaetti reported on the luncheon meeting with a group from China who were here to discuss the Fertilizer Plant. They were here touring the site, looking for housing, and to meet some local government officials. Everything seems to be moving forward.

**New Business**

Bunner said he has been serving on the Purdue Extension Board and they have term limits of two three year terms. In December Bunner will be finished serving his last three year term and would like to see someone else from the Council to step up and take on the position. Seiler said he would take the position. Kroeger said at the organizational meeting in January we can take care of that.

Gogel wanted the Council to know that the Commissioners would be coming before them in November to ask for an additional of \$175,000 to demolish the buildings owned by Philadelphia Ministries because they have been found unsafe. Hopefully we won't have to use that money, but we want them to understand that we are serious about cleaning up the site. The Council advised to advertise the \$175,000 from COIT.

Spaetti made a motion to adjourn. Winsett seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

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President

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Auditor

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